his reaction? I would like to know from the hon. Minister how much time will he take to remove this anomaly?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, we are not penalising any State, as I said, the economic ...*(Interruptions)*... fiscal relief facilities will not benefit all, except seven States. However, the Twelfth Finance Commission's recommendations will benefit all the States, provided they enact the Fiscal Responsibility Legislation Act and meet the parameters of the Twelfth Finance Commission.

Expenditure on India Shining campaign

*383. SHRI R.K. ANAND:†
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government did not obtain the approval of the Parliament before incurring expenditure of Rs. 63.23 crores on media campaign styled as 'India Shining';

(b) whether it also a fact that Government incurred the expenditure through diversion of funds although this activity was not contemplated in the annual budget; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) In Budget 2003-04, approval was taken for an expenditure of Rs. 100 crores under Major Head 3605—Technical and Economic Cooperation with other countries, Minor Head—Development Assistance. The 'Notes' below Demand No. 31—Department of Economic Affairs in Expenditure Budget Vol. II of 2003-04 with reference to item No. 34—Development Assistance, stated the following:

"The provision is to support an overall, general and imaginative promotion of India, its trade and foster techno-economic & intellectual cooperation with other countries"

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri R.K. Anand.

Expenditure under the "India Shining" campaign was incurred under this head. It was felt at that time that this was not a New Service or New Instrument of Service. It was decided at the level of the then Finance Minister that the allocation under Major Head 3605 could be used for the information campaign and that the provision allowed promotion of India both within and outside the country and fostering cooperation with other countries.

Accordingly, an expenditure of Rs. 63.19 crores was incurred on the India Shining Campaign under Major Head 3605. An amount of Rs. 68 crores was re-appropriated from the sub-head 'Grants-in-Aid' to sub-head 'Other Charges' under the same Major and Minor heads to account for this expenditure.

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the NDA Government has spent ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, as I said, in my answer, the sum of Rs. 63.19 crores was incurred on the "India Shining Campaign" under Major Head 3605. The nature of rigid Technical and Economic Cooperation with other countries, ...*(Interruptions)*... therefore, do not cover 'India Shining Campaign'. The Comptroller and Auditor General has in his reply criticised this expenditure under this head. The matter now has been looked into by the PAC. When the matter is taken up in the PAC, hon. Members will get the opportunity to express their views in the PAC, and on receipt of the PAC report, we will take suitable action.

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Sir, the Standing Committee on I.T. ...*(Interruptions)*... and the Government guidelines categorically state that ...*(Interruptions)*... advertisements from the Ministries ...*(Interruptions)*... should be published only ...*(Interruptions)*... through DAVP ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI N. JOTHI: Sir, an advertisement has appeared in *The Hindu* ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI R.K. ANAND: I am in possession of a number of newspapers such as *Organizer* and *Panchjanya* in which a number of advertisements ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Sir, how can the Government of India print the photographs of Shri Karunanidhi and Mr. Vasan? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI N. JOTHI: Sir, all the Chief Ministers were invited ...*(Interruptions)*... But the photographs of the Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh ...*(Interruptions)*... have not been printed ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापतिः यह रिकॉर्ड पर नहीं जाएगा ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI N. JOTHI:*

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Sir, an advertisement for a particular function on a particular day was published ...*(Interruptions)*... a month after the function was over and that too, not through DAVP ...*(Interruptions)*... I have also brought this fact to the notice of the Government *vide* letter dated 27th July, 2004 ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have already put your supplementary ...*(Interruptions)*... No, no ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Sir, this is my second ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no ...*(Interruptions)*... That is over ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI N. JOTHI:*

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. I don't agree with you ...*(Interruptions)*... Pelase sit down ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:*

SHRI R.K. ANAND: Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI N. JOTHI:*

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*Not recorded